

News notes

Tours may not be curtailed to accommodate school years

Tours can't be curtailed to allow families to PCS during the summer months, according to Air Force personnel officials. Requests for exceptions to this USAFE policy will only be considered based on unique and unusual circumstances which must be substantiated.

For more information, call the military personnel flight at Ext. 5138.

Services' survey to arrive in members' mailboxes soon

Some Liberty Wing members can expect to receive U.S. Air Force Services Agency surveys in the next few weeks.

People who receive the survey in their mailbox are asked to fill in and return the survey, said 48th Services Squadron officials. The inputs to these surveys will be used to make programming decisions, plan marketing strategies and create short- and long-term goals.

For more information, call Carlen Capenos at Ext. 1709.

100th ARW commander selected to command AMW

Colonel Christopher A. Kelly, 100th Air Refueling Wing commander, has been selected to become the commander of the 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus AFB, Okla.

Kelly has served as commander at RAF Mildenhall, since May 1996. He commands the KC-135 air refueling wing comprised of nine permanently assigned aircraft, and is responsible for all U.S. air refueling operations associated with the European Tanker Task Force. He oversees a 9,300-person base supporting seven major associate units as well as four geographically separated units.

Kelly said he and his wife Kathy will miss the many friends they made while stationed here.

Named to replace Kelly is Colonel Jeffrey B. Kohler, who is currently the Executive Officer to the Director of Operations, Headquarters Allied Air Forces Central Europe, and the Senior United States National Representative, HQ AIRCENT, at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He is a 1973 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Kohler is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours in the F-4D/E, the O-2A, and the F-16. His command experience includes the 12th Operations Group, Randolph

Air Force Base, Texas — the largest operations group in the Air Force, flying 280 aircraft of nine different types at three operating locations.

Kelly will relinquish command of the 100th ARW to Kohler at a change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. June 4.

President Bill Clinton nominated Kelly and Kohler for appointment to the grade of brigadier general last year.

AFA gala reception slated

The Air Force Association's United Kingdom Chapter Gala Reception to inaugurate the new chapter is from 6:30 - 9 p.m. May 23 in the officers' club ballroom.

"You don't have to be a member of the Air Force Association to attend the reception," said Maj. Gen. Tad Oelstrom, 3rd Air Force commander. "The Air Force Association is open to anyone associated with the U.S. Air Force."

The cost is \$10 per person. People can buy tickets today from Lt. Col. Mike Bradley at Ext. 3536 or Capt. Mike Convertino at Ext. 3755.

Air Force awards Humanitarian Service Medal

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFNS) — Air Force members who distinguished themselves and directly participated in the following operations may be eligible for the Humanitarian Service Medal:

□ Combined Joint Task Force Marathon Pacific, from Oct. 10, 1996, to Nov. 21, 1996. During this period, the men and women assigned to Combined JTF Marathon Pacific provided repatriation and humanitarian assistance to the Chinese migrants on Wake Island.

□ 4409th Operations Group (Provisional), from Nov. 13, 1995, to Dec. 5, 1995. During this period, the men and women assigned to the 4409th Operations Group (Provisional) in Saudi Arabia provided support including personnel resources, medical services, site security, investigative assistance, equipment, supplies, communications and various additional support services to the U.S. Embassy, OPM-SANG, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia recovery effort.

Only those members of the armed forces of the United States who were present at the time and directly participated in these operations are eligible for the HSM. Service members must have been assigned or attached by official orders to these specific operations.

Specifically excluded from eligibility are members who were present on duty at the specified location but did not make a direct contribution to or influence the action.

For more information about the HSM and these operations, contact the military personnel flight at Ext. 1845.



Col. Kelly

Liberty Warrior

'Can do' person of the week



Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

Amn. John Lepore

48th Security Police Squadron

Hometown: Peekskill, N.Y.

Time in service: One year, four months

Time on station: 10 months

Role in mission: I provide and maintain weapons training for RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall as well as inspect weapons.

Hobbies: Basketball, baseball and shooting.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Probably with a few kids, married and at least a technical sergeant with a house and a land cruiser.

What do you like most about Britain? I can't say I like the weather too much, so I would have to say meeting my girl.

What would you do to make things better at RAF Lakenheath? I would expand the leave radius so people can go out and see more countries.

What is your greatest achievement?

Hitting a grand slam home run to win the high school state championship.

Why did you join the Air Force? To further my education and to be independent.

Who is your role model and why?

My parents. They were always there to give me guidance with any problems that arose and push me in the right direction.

What do you like best about the Air Force? It has prepared me to live independently and conserve money.